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Message:

Re: U.S. Patent Application No. 10/628,558 Inventors: Hideki KUWAJIMA, et al.

IN RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION DATED JUNE 28, 2005, APPLICANTS HEREBY SUBMIT AN ELECTION UNDER 35 USC 121 AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT.

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Hideki KUWAJIMA, et al.

Confirmation No.: 4746

Serial No.: 10,628,558

Filed: July 29, 2003

Group Art Unit: 2653

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Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed June 28, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire July 28, 2005, wherein the Examiner required restriction between the following Groups:

Group I

Claims 12-13, are drawn to a combination magnetic

disk drive utilizing a piezo actuator; and

Group II

Claims 1-11, are drawn to a subcombination

piezo actuator.

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Applicants elect Group I, claims 12-13, for initial prosecution on the merits. Applicants also reserve the right to file a Divisional Application for the non-elected claims 1-11, which the Examiner has indicated is patentably distinct.

Applicants believe that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that Applicants have inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0417. A duplicate copy of this Response is enclosed for accounting purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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